

Press release

Press Conference on 2023 CTA Tour SJM Professional Finals (Macau) and National Tennis Championships is Held

Elite tennis players will gather in Macau for the third annual sporting event

(Macau, 16 October 2023) On October 16, the press conference on the 2023 CTA Tour SJM Professional Finals (Macau) and National Tennis Championships was held in Macao, officially announcing that the event will be held in Macao from 4 to 10 December. It is the third consecutive year this year-end mega tennis tournament will be held in Macao. Elite tennis players from Chinese mainland will gather in Macao to compete in the top tennis event.

The 2023 CTA Tour SJM Professional Finals (Macau) and National Tennis Championships are organised by the Tennis Administrative Center of General Administration of Sport of China, the Sports Youth Program Center of the Central Radio and Television Station, China Tennis Association, and Sports Bureau of the Macau SAR Government, and supported by the Department of Publicity and Culture, the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the Macau SAR, and the Chengdu Culture & Tourism Development Group Ltd, with SJM Resorts, S.A. (SJM), as the title sponsor of the event and Macau Tennis Association as the co-organiser.

Representatives attending the press conference included: Mr. Pun Weng Kun, President of the Sports Bureau of the Macau SAR Government, Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM Resorts, S.A., and Mr. Wei Shengfan, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Beijing CTA Tour Sport Management Co. Ltd.

At the press conference, Mr. Wei Shengfan mentioned that CTA Tour adheres to the people-centered concept and relies on the Chinese Tennis Technical Level and the National Tennis Ranking System to take market-oriented operations. It gives full play to the role of the market in allocating resources to assist the popularisation and development of tennis in China, which also contributes to building China into a leading sporting nation. This is the third consecutive year for Macau to host the CTA Tour Professional Finals, fostering a new development paradigm for the Mainland China and Macau to jointly build national sports brand events.

Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM Resorts, S.A., said, SJM is delighted to serve as the title sponsor for this prestigious national tennis tournament for the third consecutive year. Leveraging Macau as a strategic platform, we aim to showcase China's athletic prowess in this new era, and deepen collaboration and dialogue between Mainland China and Macau. Through the synergistic effect of “Sports + Tourism”, we aspire to further enrich Macau's standing as a “World Centre of Tourism and Leisure”. SJM is committed to popularising sports among the community, with a particular focus on nurturing young talent. This year, we are taking this commitment a step further by partnering with the Macau Special Olympics to offer tennis training workshops, fostering an inclusive environment and sharing the joy of sport with everyone.

Mr. Pun Weng Kun, President of the Sports Bureau of the Macau SAR Government, stated that, the “CTA Tour SJM Professional Finals (Macau) and National Tennis Championships” has been held in Macau since 2021, which has been highly praised by the tennis players and audience, and the sport of tennis in Macau has also gained a lot of precious experiences from the event. This year, we are also very excited to bring the elite tennis players from Mainland China to the CTA Tour Finals in Macau. We believe that the event can further strengthen the sports exchange between Macau and Mainland China, as well as enhancing the host city's image as a sport and tourism destination.

In the 2023 CTA Tour SJM Professional Finals (Macau), players will vie for honors in the four categories of Men’s Singles, Women’s Singles, Men’s Doubles and Women’s Doubles. The Finals will consist of the round-robin phase and the knockout phase, with the top-16 men’s and women’s aces compete in the singles events and top-8 teams compete in the doubles events.

The tournament will continue to be held at the Macau Tennis Academy. Choosing Macao to host the tour final, the top tennis event in China for a third year in a row, demonstrates the organisers’ full confidence in the capabilities of Macau as a host of high-level sporting events and the popularity of tennis among its residence. The tournament’s organisation, court services and accommodation have been well received by the participating players.

Chinese tennis players have achieved remarkable results in the past two years. Led by talents such as Zhang Zhizhen, Wu Yibing and Zheng Qinwen, China’s tennis players have gained a firm foothold on the world’s tennis courts and progressed steadily. Against this background, it is even more meaningful for the continuous running of the CTA Tour, as this national tournament provides a high-level competitive platform for aspiring tennis players and serves as a steppingstone for their entry to the professional stage. As the Special Olympics Global Ambassador, tennis star Li Na will show up in Macau for the third consecutive year to interact with local Special Olympics members.

In recent years, with strong economic development, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area has become one of the most active regions in China in organising professional sports events, and the region will host the 15th National Games in 2025. As one of the four core cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area driving regional development, Macau is going to host the CTA Tour Professional Finals for the third consecutive year, reflecting Macau’s determination to actively align itself with the development strategy of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. At the same time, taking advantage of the exposure around the CTA Tour, Macau has continued to develop itself as an internationally renowned tourism destination, making great strides towards the goal of building Macau the World Center of Tourism and Leisure.

The 2023 CTA Tour SJM Professional Finals (Macau) and National Tennis Championships are jointly staged by Beijing CTA Tour Sport Management Co. Ltd., the International Media Port (Shanghai) Cultural Development Co., Ltd. and the Colorful (Macao) Cultural Technology Consultancy Ltd. This year’s event will be

broadcast through CCTV5, i.e. the Sports Channel, and live streaming platforms (China Sports, Tencent Video) and other platforms.

Those attending the press conference also included: Mr. Lau Cho Un and Ms. Lam Lin Kio, Vice-Presidents of the Sports Bureau, Ms. Ng Ioc Leng, President of Macau Tennis Association, Mr. Siu Yu Hong, Executive Director of Macau Special Olympics, Ms. Li Juan, Director of the Colorful Group, and members of Macau Sports Committee, etc.



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